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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. The Specification, claims 1 and 7-9 are hereby amended. No new matter is added.

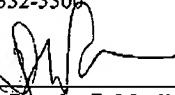
Claim 1 is amended to reflect the suggestions of the Examiner. The amendment of claim 1, reciting "on the side of the horizontal charge transferring portion", is supported by page 14, line 35 to page 15, line 3. Claims 1, 7, 8, and 9 and the Specification are amended editorially. Applicant notes that none of the amendments were made to overcome an art based rejection. Therefore, such amendments should not be construed in a limiting manner.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)371-5237.

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